

ABSTRACT

A communication system regulates communication between a utility and a customer. The communication system can be adapted as a payment metering system by incorporating a utility host, a meter, and customer interface. A payment medium can be used for transferring payment onto the system. Meter read information can be uploaded onto the payment medium where desired. A control can also be included in the system and located remote from the meter to accommodate monitoring of the meter where desired and any additional communication.

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